

For a large print version of this newsletter please contact us on 07781 467316

Welcome to the May edition of the GDA newsletter which contains GDA, We All Matter, Eh? members & partners updates & events for the next few months. There is a lot of change taking place in May as the Executive Director role funding finishes. We have split that work into 3 areas: Social Policy; Members & Partnerships. The Social Policy team of volunteers are led by Rob Harnish. Our time is now very limited & we will have to withdraw from many of the States meetings, not core to the strategy, legislation or

the ERO. We will continue to seek member group input on these meetings wherever possible. We are still seeking funding for the partnerships role so that we can run educational sessions with the community and businesses to improve disability confidence locally. The good news is that within member services we welcome Trudi Kent to the team, find out more below & on our [blog](#) Please do review our new website <http://support.disabilityalliance.org.gg/> and see how you can support us in our 10th Anniversary Year.

10th Anniversary

We had a super celebration for our 10th birthday. Thank you to everyone taking part, our guest ESSC presenters Deputy Emilie Yerby & Ed Ashton & the wonderful team at Les Cotils. Thank you to Olly Tracey of OnScreen Creations with his superb video montage [here](#). Thank you also to Little Mamas Bakery for donating this super cake.



Assisted Dying Debate

Thank you to all our members who fed back to us and Deputies on their thoughts on the Assisted Dying Debate. It was certainly the most difficult debate to have. Due to members diverse views on the topic we did not take a stance on Assisted Dying itself but we did on the Requête, calling for greater protections to be in place (Capacity and discrimination legislation). You can see our original release [here](#) but please bear in mind the debate changed dramatically even on the day. It was defeated 14-24, you can view more details on Gov.gg [here](#)

2nd Assisted Dying Debate – HSC

During the Assisted Dying debate proposition 5 were agreed, which instructs the Committee for Health & Social Care, in light of the ageing population and the substantial anticipated increase in health and care needs over the next ten to twenty years (abridged):

- To consider the measures necessary to improve quality of life and health outcomes for all islanders towards the end of their lives.
- to consolidate this work as far as possible with relevant ongoing workstreams under the Partnership of Purpose, the Supported Living and Ageing Well Strategy, and the Disability and Inclusion Strategy;
- to consolidate this work as far as possible with relevant ongoing workstreams under the Partnership of Purpose, the Supported Living and Ageing Well Strategy, and the Disability and Inclusion Strategy;

You can see the details [here](#)

Support Us - we need your help.

Can you help fund our events, key projects, the newsletter, members' meetings or the Christmas accessible shopping day? Please visit our page [here](#) to see how you can support the GDA.



We are seeking a new sponsor for our newsletter which is distributed to over 450 members, stakeholders & supports plus their membership, 15 hard copies are distributed to local venues by clients of adult disability services & also on our news blog, & social media. Please get in touch to find out more matter@gda.org. gg or contact Karen. We welcome your support.

YOUR LOGO

Social Policy Updates

Multi grounds

The Committee for Employment & Social Security (ESSC) released a statement saying it is considering asking the States to approve extending the development of disability discrimination legislation into a project to develop equality legislation covering multiple grounds of protection. The GDA was asked to conduct a mini consultation with members (as the timeline is short, due 23rd May). We thank our members for their calls, emails and attending our meeting with ESS on Friday 18th May. Our report will be on our news blog shortly [here](#). Statement [here](#).

Rob Platts



New Social Policy Group

We are forming a new Policy Impact Group (PIG) to spot and challenge any proposed changes to laws, policies and procedures that may have an impact on disabled people. If you have your ear to the ground, are in the habit of reading government documents and would like to get involved, please ask me for more information.

Rob Harnish

Email: Socialpolicy@gda.org.gg

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

Public Health Services, on behalf of the Office of the Committee for Health and Social Care, are undertaking a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Older People. Visit [here](#) to find out more.

Guernsey Community Foundation

The GCF unveils a bold six-point plan to transform the local voluntary sector. The Foundation has spent the last six months considering the future of the voluntary sector regarding the way charities are run and how they work with government, identifying 6 areas of challenge that charities, grant-givers and government need to tackle if the sector is to thrive.

It also discusses the role of the Association of Guernsey Charities and the GCF. To read more visit [here](#). www.foundation.gg



Disability Officer Update

Guernsey's website www.signpost.gov.gg provides information for disabled people about services, activities and support. The aim of the website is to give you as much information as possible including contact details and referral criteria where required.



Accessibility at venues in Guernsey

Since 2012 we have worked with Disabled Go providing in-depth information to over 600 places so that disabled people and their carers, friends and family can find out about the accessibility of places they would like to visit. The website has been updated with this year's guides. Any queries please contact disabilityofficer@gov.gg or telephone Caroline on 01481 732557. Read more [here](#).



New Carers Guernsey

This new group has been set up to provide support to local carers, and the organisations that support carers, and to work with the States of Guernsey to improve policy and legislation relating to matters that impact carers. Visit www.carers.gg or contact them via facebook [here](#).

Carers Update Meeting 12th June

The GDA is coordinating a carers update meeting - open to all - 7-9pm at Les Cotils with presentations from the States on their Carers action plan and survey results plus an update from Alysa Martel from the new Carers Guernsey charity. RSVP to info@disabilityalliance.org.gg

New Partnership Services

For the last 3 years Karen has been GDA Executive Director, funding for that role has ceased and the work split into 3 areas. Karen will seek funding for a new partnership services stream which will focus on service delivery in the community & businesses, developing & running workshops to raise awareness and change attitudes in relation to disability & inclusion.





Members' Voice

New Member Services Co-ordinator

We are so pleased to announce that Trudi Kent has joined the team as the new co-ordinator & will be responsible for empowering & providing services to our members, running our events, communications with members, supporting WAME? & linking with our Social Policy team (volunteers). Read Trudi's message [here](#). You can contact her at members@gda.org.gg



WIGWAM Update

Wigwam Support Group are currently looking to build capacity within their Committee by recruiting new Directors. Please contact Wigwam on support@wigwam.org.gg or on 521678. You can read further on our blog [here](#).



Cystic Fibrosis message



Mike Read has written a letter to all members, which can be read on our blog [here](#).

He urges you to contact Deputies Roffey and Merret to voice your opinion for Guernsey patients receiving treatment in the UK. He needs your support to strengthen their argument for a change of policy. It may also affect you.

Should anyone wish to contact Mike for more information before speaking with them then he would also be very happy to hear from you. Mike Read, President CF Guernsey, cysticfibrosis.org.gg 07911 747747

Dementia Friendly Guernsey

We welcome DFG to the GDA members. Dementia Friendly Guernsey has been set up by members



of the local community with the aim of improving the lives of people living with dementia and their carers. It is a member of the Dementia Action Alliance and is here to support the community to become more dementia friendly. You can email info@dementiafriendly.org.gg or visit [here](#).

Volunteers

GDA Flag Day 11th Aug 2018

We are looking for over 80 volunteers to help with our flag day on 11th August 2018. We have a number of venues, Waitrose, Co-Op, Town & M&S. If you can help for a couple of hours in any location, it would be very much appreciated. Please email Cath directly on c.mccook.events@gmail.com

GDA Executive Board Volunteers needed

Strategic Marketing & Comms

We are seeking an experienced marketing guru to assist with the GDA & We All Matter Eh change as we undertake more work in the community & with businesses. Please email info@disabilityalliance.org.gg.



Fundraising - Friends of the GDA

We are looking for a few dedicated volunteers with ideas to run our friends of the GDA fundraising team. Email friendsof@gda.org.gg

Events - Friends of the GDA

We are also looking for help with current projects which include the Summer Ball (4th Aug), Flag day (11th Aug), & we would welcome motivated individuals to join the team Find out more please email [here](#).

Fundraising lead

Funding is critical to maintain our position as influencer & partner in these crucial times. With the need to fund-raise for the Members' Services Co-ordinator, Partnership Director, & campaigns as we all as ongoing costs associated with running a member charity.



Access.gg Event 22nd May

Open Access for All meeting - all welcome! We will be asking for your opinions on the Accessible town lights and shopping day Monday 3rd December, which is International Day of Persons with Disabilities IDPWD plus your opinions on making the referendum as accessible as possible as well as an access presentation from Barclays.

Access Training Audit Oct 2018

After such a fantastic course with 6 delegates this time, & with 31 people now trained, another course in October has been provisionally booked for either 17/18th. If you are interested please let Access For All know as soon as possible your preferred dates. Tony Yates, Access For All Tel: 07839 252266 or places@access.gg www.access.gg



Our Change Blog

<http://support.disabilityalliance.org.gg/>

Email event dates to
info@disabilityalliance.org.gg

Forthcoming Events

22nd May Access for All meeting Les Cotils 7pm
25th May Data Protection law comes into effect
25th May Sailability meeting Guernsey Yacht Club 6pm - 8pm see [here](#)
9th June [Saffery Rotary Walk](#)
9th June [Mikado for Guernsey Cheshire Home](#)
12th June Open talk in Carers week Les Cotils 7-9pm
14th June GET course [click here](#)
18-24th June Learning Disability Week
22nd June Learning Disability Talks Hospital Canteen
22nd June Autism Sports Training Day
25th June Co-Op Sunflower Lanyard Launch
4th July Autism Charity Fashion Show

4th Aug GDA 10th Anniversary Ball

Please do support our 10th Anniversary Ball by taking a table or supplying auction items. Venue St Pierre Park on Saturday 4th August. View details [here](#). Contact Cath on c.mccook.events@gmail.com



Saffery Rotary Walk Volunteer needed 9th June



We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate all the GDA, We All Matter Eh? member teams for the walk Saturday 9th June. You will need excellent organisational & communications skills working with a wide range of members & groups. Contact matter@gda.org.gg

Social Enterprise Success Conference



Thank you to SES organisers Nyasha Gwatidzo & Korinne Le Page, presenters & attendees for their support for the GDA. The conference highlighted the roles that businesses can help overcome social challenges in our community

8th July Garden Fund-raiser at Blanchelande Park, volunteers needed visit [here](#)
11th July Not just another H&S brief – by Jason Anker 7pm Princess Royal Centre for Performing Arts Guernsey visit [here](#).
21st July Government House Fête
4th Aug **GDA 10th Anniversary Ball Date** [watch this space](#)
11th Aug GDA 1st Flag day! Volunteers needed
Sept Alderney Visit (TBC)
17/18/19 Oct [CAE Access Audit Course](#)
3rd Dec International Day of Persons with a Disability
3rd Dec Accessible Town Shopping & Christmas Lights

GDA Contacts

Member Services

members@gda.org.gg

Facebook

Search: [GuernseyDisabilityAlliance](#)

Enquiries

info@disabilityalliance.org.gg

Twitter

Search: [GDA_Disability](#)

Website

www.gda.org.gg